**[LETTERHEAD]**

**[DATE]**

The Honorable **[MEMBER]**

**[ADDRESS]**

Dear **[MEMBER],**

I write to request that you strongly consider supporting **Assembly Bill 339 (Irwin)** which expands eligibility for Californians with disabilities by raising the age of disability onset limit from 24 to 46, to open a California Achieving a Better Life Experience (CalABLE) savings and investment account by conforming to the federal ABLE Age Adjustment Act.

Since the launch of CalABLE in 2018, over 9,000 accounts have been opened here, and nearly $90 million has been saved in these accounts. Tax-favored ABLE accounts are designed to enable individuals with disabilities to save and pay for disability-related expenses. This is an important tool for account holders to increase independence and their quality of life without jeopardizing critical means-tested benefits eligibility.

**[REASONS FOR SUPPORT]**

*Could include personal stories, desire to help broader constituency of people with disabilities, or address state’need to offer comparable programmatic features to ensure CalABLE’s long-term sustainability, and economic equity among the disability community.*

While ABLE accounts have been and continue to be incredibly resourceful, the limitations barred on the state level could prevent thousands of Californians from receiving the benefits they deserve. If enacted, reforming California’s Welfare and Institutions Code to account for those whose disabilities arose after the age of 26, including veterans and first responders, would greatly bolster California’s communities.

For these reasons, I urge that you vote in support of the passage of AB 339. Please contact **[CONTACT INFORMATION]**

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